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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT OFFICE

In re Application of MAY, Jesse, et al.  
Serial Number: 10/082743  
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Examiner: G. Krishnan  
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FOR: REGENERATION OF ARTICULAR CARTILAGE DAMAGED BY GRADE I  
AND II OSTEOARTHRITIS BY MEANS OF THE INTRAARTICULAR  
APPLICATION OF A MIXTURE OF SODIUM HYALURONATE AND  
CHONDROITIN SULFATE IN A GEL VEHICLE

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER  
37 CFR 1.136(a) AND TRANSMITTAL OF FEE UNDER 37 CFR 1.17(a)(1)

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Sir:

A one month extension of the period for response to the outstanding Official Action mailed November 3, 2003, is hereby requested; the extended period for response will expire on March 3, 2004.

Please charge the \$110.00 extension fee required by 37 CFR 1.17(a) to Deposit Account No. 501051. A duplicate copy of this letter is attached.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required or to credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501051.

Respectfully submitted,

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